

## NUMBER 22.

## PRE-EMPTION.

MEMORIAL respecting pre-emption laws.

*To the Congress of the United States :*

Your memorialists, the General Assembly of the State of Preamble.  
Iowa, respectfully represent that a large proportion of the actual settlers upon the public lands of the United States are poor men; that it is difficult for these settlers, of limited means, to support their families, improve their claims, and pay for their land within one year of location; that the present system of pre-emption, places these settlers at the mercy of money lenders, resulting in great hardship, and often depriving the pioneer of his home and the fruit of years of toil,

Therefore, your memorialists respectfully ask your honorable body to amend the laws regulating pre-emption upon Extension of time.  
public lands, so as to give actual settlers upon said lands, three years in which to pay for their claims.

Approved January 28, 1857.

## NUMBER 23.

## UNIVERSITY LANDS.

JOINT RESOLUTION in relation to University lands.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* Sale to trustees.  
That all pretended sales, or contracts for sale of any University lands of the State to the trustees of the University of said State, or to any trustee thereof, be, and the same are hereby declared to be *utterly null and void.*

*Resolved,* That the executive officers of the State be, and they are hereby directed and enjoined to disregard all such Officers to disregard sales.  
pretended sales or contract for sales, the same having been obtained by such trustee or trustees in violation of a trust reposed in such trustees by the authority of the State, and

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that any contract or contracts for any such lands, held by any other person or persons than the trustees aforesaid, which may have been purchased by any such trustee, and afterwards assigned or transferred to such person or persons, are also hereby declared to be null and void.

Approved January 28, 1857.

## NUMBER 24.

## REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the independence of Liberia.

Independence  
of Liberia.

*Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested to use their influence to have the independence of Liberia, in Africa, acknowledged by the Government of the United States.

*Resolved,* That a copy of the foregoing resolution be forwarded by the Secretary of State to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Approved Jan. 29, 1857.

## NUMBER 25.

## REPORT OF STATE GEOLOGIST.

JOINT RESOLUTION to provide for the printing of the Report of the State Geologist.

Gov. procure.

*Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That the Governor be, and is hereby authorized to procure the printing of 2,000 copies of the Report of the State Geologist, and that he cause one copy thereof to be transmitted to each member of the General Assembly, and the remainder to be deposited in the office of the Secretary of State.

*Resolved,* That the Governor be further authorized to